

## Detail Announcement

# District Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer

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**USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region (R-2)  
Black Hills National Forest  
Hell Canyon Ranger District**

The Hell Canyon Ranger District is outreaching to detail (up to 120 days) a High Complexity District Assistant Fire Management Officer (DAFMO).

This appointment is a detail position not to exceed 120 days. The Duty Station will be Custer, SD.

Please submit your outreach response by **February 1st, 2021** in order to be considered for this detail opportunity. Depending on interest and qualifications, the detail may be offered to two individuals for 60 days each or to one individual for 120 days.

### About the Position

The Hell Canyon District Fire Management Organization has a response area of 1.2 million acres across two states (WY & SD), five counties, and multiple federal land agencies (USFS, BLM, & NPS). The District averages 35 ignitions per year and has approximately 65 to 85 responses a year.

### How to Apply

If you are interested in this detail please submit a resume and IQCS record to Scott Wheeler [scott.wheeler@usda.gov](mailto:scott.wheeler@usda.gov) by February 1st, 2021.

## CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters. These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

## Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Qualification Standards

Under the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Qualification Standards, the selectee must meet NWCG Incident Management Qualifications and the Additional Required Training as specified under FS-FPM for the position encumbered.

Key Fire Management Position: District Assistant Fire Management Officer- High Complexity

NWCG Incident Management Qualifications: Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) and either Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3) or Prescribed Fire Burn Boss 2 (RXB2).

OR

Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS) and Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3)

For additional information on FS-FPM: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

## **FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE**

This is a secondary firefighter position under 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). Prior wildland firefighting experience is required.

## **BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST**

The Black Hills National Forest is 1.2 million acres of forested hills and mountains. It is 110 miles long and 70 miles wide, approximately 87 percent of which are in South Dakota and 13 percent in Wyoming. The Black Hills has been a special place for many to come for physical and spiritual renewal. The Black Hills rise from the adjacent grasslands into forest dominated by ponderosa pine, spruce and aspen. The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota Sioux words, Paha Sapa - "hills are black". It is described as an "Island in the Plains" with the diversity of wildlife and plants reaching from the eastern forests to the western plains. The Forest boasts a good balance of multiple uses, and a wide range of recreation activities. Some unique features in the area include Devils Tower National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Mountain, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Badlands National Park and Custer State Park.

The Black Hills National Forest employs approximately 290 permanent full-time employees on four ranger districts and a supervisor's office. We are the largest forest in the Rocky Mountain Region in terms of budget, workforce, timber production and fire management. There are 12 engines, one hotshot crew, an air tanker base, one 10-person hand crew module, job corps hand crew, a Type 3 helicopter, and an interagency dispatch center on the Forest.

## **HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT**

The Hell Canyon Ranger District encompasses approximately 440,000 acres in the Southern part of the Black Hills. Timber harvest and related silvicultural activities is the largest resource program on the district. Average annual timber offer is about 20 million board feet. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include white-tailed deer and mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey and ruffed grouse.

### **COMMUNITY of Custer, South Dakota**

Custer, South Dakota, population approximately 1800. Facilities in Custer include two grocery stores, five gas stations, a small hospital, a clinic, and two dentists. Churches include Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan, Church of Christ, and Non-Denominational. The community also offers one library, nine-hole golf course, one weekly newspaper, a post office, volunteer fire department, ambulance service, city offices, county offices and several local retail businesses. The school system is on a four-day school week and has an average graduating class of near 75. One elementary school (others are also located in Hermosa and Spring Creek), one middle school, and one high school are located in Custer.

The summers in Custer (Elevation 5300') are moderate with moderate rainfall and temperatures generally range from 60-90 degrees. Winters are mild with moderate snowfall and temperatures generally ranging from 0-40 degrees, with occasional below zero temperatures. Housing is available for purchase in Custer with prices starting at \$80,000 in town and \$150,000+ out of town. Rentals are limited with prices ranging from \$500-\$700 per month.

Tourism is a main industry in Custer and support services such as motels and restaurants are abundant. Nearby lakes offer boating and fishing, hunting, hiking, and rock climbing are some recreational opportunities offered in the surrounding area.

Rapid City is the nearest larger town with a population of 60,000. It is located 45 miles north of Custer and includes Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, shopping malls, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, a regional hospital and all other typical services found in a larger city.

You can also contact the Custer Chamber of Commerce at 615 Washington, Custer, SD 57730 or (605) 673-8844 or visit their web site at [www.custersd.com/](http://www.custersd.com/)

### **Additional Information**

If you are interested in applying to lead the Hell Canyon Fire Management Organization and would like more information, contact any of the following:

Scott Wheeler, District Fire Management Officer, at (605) 673-7956, or email at [scott.wheeler@usda.gov](mailto:scott.wheeler@usda.gov)

Tracy Anderson, District Ranger, at (605) 673-4853, or e-mail at [tracy.l.anderson@usda.gov](mailto:tracy.l.anderson@usda.gov)